

REMARKS

The claims are 22 to 33.

The above amendment presents a new set of claims wherein new claims 22 to 29 replace previous claims 12 to 19, respectively.

Claims 30 to 33 are new claims.

New claim 22 recites that that porous and spherical calcium phosphate particle has a porous inorganic material carried inside the pores thereof. Support for this feature is found on page 7, lines 2 to 4 and Example 4 of the present specification.

The significance of this amendment will become further apparent from the remarks below.

With regard to the rejection of claims 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. 112, the present claims do not contain the rejected terminology.

Claims 12-16 and 18 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over the JP'500 application (JP 6-319500) in view of the US'282 patent (U.S. 7,094,282).

Further, claims 17 and 19-21 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C 103(a) as being unpatentable over the combination of JP'500 and US'282 as applied to claims 12-16 and 18 above, and further in view of JP'956 (JP 3-141956).

These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Although U.S. 7,094,282 describes whiskers or crystals of inorganic material formed on the surface of CaP particles, the porous and spherical calcium phosphate particle having a porous inorganic material carried in the inside of pores thereof is neither described nor suggested.

This deficiency is not overcome by the remaining references.


Since all the claims recite this feature, it is apparent that the rejections on prior art are untenable and should be withdrawn.

No further issues remaining, allowance of this application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any comments or proposals for expediting prosecution, please contact undersigned at the telephone number below.

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